CURRENT CLAIMS

1. A method for managing program listings comprising:

    storing a database of available program listings comprising a plurality of program/event entries;

    utilizing a first filter, which selects a subset of programs to generate an electronic program guide displaying program listings included in said subset,

    wherein the filter comprises a list of program/event entries.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

    utilizing said first filter and a second filter,

    with the second filter comprising a second subset comprising a list of program/event entries to generate an electronic program guide displaying program listings including all of the programs included in said first subset and all of the programs included in said second subset.

3. The method of claim 1 further comprising :

    utilizing said first filter and said second filter, wherein at least some of the program/event entries of the first subset are the same as at least some of the program/event entries of the second subset, with the second filter, to generate an electronic program guide displaying program listings including programs included in both said first and second subsets.

4. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

    creating a filter utilizing a list of program/event entries in the program listing database.

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6. The method of claim 1, wherein, a set of program/event entries corresponding to the list intersects a set of program entries corresponding to program/event entries in the database of available program listings.

7.   The method of claim 6 wherein the set of program/event entries corresponding to the list is a proper subset of the set of program/event entries corresponding to program entries in the database of available program listings.

8.   The method of claim 1 wherein a consumer device stores the database and the first filter is input into the consumer device from a source external to the consumer device.

9.   A system for managing program listings comprising:
        a memory storing a database of available program listings comprising a plurality of program/event entries;
        a memory storing a first filter comprising a first list of program/event entries;
        a memory storing a second filter comprising a second list of program/event entries; and
        a processor which selects a first subset of programs according to the first filter and a second subset of programs according to the second filter to generate an electronic program guide displaying program listings included in said first subset and said second subset,
        wherein at least some of the programs in the first subset are different from the programs of the second subset, wherein at least some of the programs in the second subset are different from the programs of the first subset.

10.   The system of claim 9 wherein the processor is further configured to utilize said first filter and said second filter to generate an electronic program guide displaying program listings including all of the programs included in said first subset and all of the programs included in said second subset.

11.   The system of claim 9 wherein the processor is further configured to utilize said first filter and said second filter, wherein at least some of the programs of the first filter are the same as

at least some of the programs of the second filter to generate an electronic program guide displaying program listings including programs included in both said first and second subsets.

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14.   The system of claim 9 wherein a set of program/event entries corresponding to the first and second lists intersects a set of program/event entries corresponding to program entries in the database of available program events.

15.   The system of claim 14 wherein the set of program entries corresponding to the list is a proper subset of the set of program entries corresponding to program entries in the database of available program listings.

16.   The system of claim 9 wherein a consumer device stores the database and the first filter is input into the consumer device from a source external to the consumer device.

17.   A method for managing program listings comprising:

    storing a database of available program listings comprising a plurality of program/event entries;

    displaying a user configuration screen having a plurality of program/event sources, a first program filter comprising a first list of program/event entries and a second program filter comprising a second list of program/event entries;

    selecting at least one of the plurality of program/event sources, the first program filter and the second program filter from the user configuration screen;

    filtering programs of the at least one of the plurality of program/event sources utilizing the first program filter to produce a first subset of programs;

filtering programs of the at least one of the plurality of program/event sources utilizing the second program filter to produce a second subset of programs; and

generating an electronic program guide displaying program listings included in said first subset and said second subset;

wherein at least some of the programs of the first subset are different from the programs of the second subset, wherein at least some of the programs of the second subset are different from the programs of the first subset.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein the electronic program guide displays program listings including all of the programs included in said first subset and all of the programs included in said second subset.

19 The method of claim 17 wherein at least some of the programs in the first and second subsets are the same, wherein the first and second lists of program/event entries intersect, wherein the electronic program guide displays program listings consisting of programs produced in both said first and second subsets.

20. An interactive filter selective mechanism of available program listings comprising:

a database of available program listings comprising a plurality of program/event entries;

a plurality of program/event sources;

a first program filter comprising a first list of program/event entries that filters the program/event sources to produce a first subset of programs;

a second program filter comprising a second list of program/event entries that filters at least one of the program/event sources and the first subset of programs to produce a second subset of programs;

a selection of program listing sources including the plurality of program/event sources, the first subset of programs, and the second subset of programs;

a user configuration screen having a display of the selection of program listing sources, wherein a user selects at least one of the plurality of program/event sources, the first program filter and the second program filter from the user configuration screen; and

an electronic program guide having display of programs included in said first subset and said second subset.

21.   The interactive filter selective mechanism of claim 20 wherein the electronic program guide displays program listings consisting of programs produced from both the first program filter and the second program filter.

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24.   The method of claim 1 wherein the filters are editable filters.

25.   The system of claim 9, wherein the filters are editable filters.

26.   The method of claim 17, wherein the filters are editable filters.

27.   The interactive filter selective mechanism of claim 20 wherein the filters are editable filters.

28.   The method of claim 1 wherein the list of program/event entries is not provided with the program listings.

29.   The method of claim 9 wherein the first and second lists of program/event entries are not provided with the program listings.

30. The method of claim 17 wherein the first and second lists of program/event entries are not provided with the program listings.

31. The method of claim 20 wherein the first and second lists of program/event entries are not provided with the program listings.

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